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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/540,701	Applicant(s) PENNING ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-6, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pione US. Pat. No. 6,353,894.

3. Claims 1, 8, Pione teaches an optical record carrier recording apparatus [*apparatus of Fig. 2*] comprising;

an accessing means for accessing an optical record carrier for reading data from or recording data to said optical record carrier [*microcontroller 35 of fig. 2*], and

a switching means for switching said accessing means between at least two accessing modes having different data rates [*normal rate and slower rate*] depending on the power mode of the recording apparatus [*depending on the amount of energy in the energy storage circuit, see Fig. 5*], wherein said accessing means are switched into a first accessing mode having a lower data rate than a second accessing mode when the recording apparatus is in a low power mode [*step 110 of Fig. 5, see also col. 6, lines 1-3*].

4. Claim 2, Pione teaches said switching means are adapted for detecting the power mode of the recording apparatus from the power supplied [*monitoring the amount of energy in the energy storage circuit, see col. 8, line 16*].

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5. Claim 3, Pione teaches said switching means are adapted for switching said accessing means into said first accessing mode when the power supplied is below a predetermined value [*col. 4, lines 56-67*].

6. Claim 4, Pione teaches said switching means are adapted for receiving and evaluating information identifying the power mode of the recording apparatus [*col. 4, lines 56-67*].

7. Claim 5, Pione teaches said information is received from an external device, in particular including a command to instruct said switching means to switch between into one of said accessing modes depending on the power mode of the external device [*col. 4, lines 63-67*].

8. Claim 6, Pione teaches said switching means are adapted for switching said accessing means into said first accessing mode when the recording apparatus is in a battery power supply mode [*battery 60 of Fig. 1*].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Klaassen et al, US. Pat. No. 6,622,252.

11. Claims 1, 8-10, 12, Klaassen teaches portable device [*portable computer device 50 of Fig. 5*] comprising;

a data storage [*hard disk drive 53 of Fig. 5*] comprising;

an accessing means for accessing a record carrier for reading data from or recording data to said record carrier [*Fig. 5 and related disclosure*], and

a switching means for switching said accessing means between at least two accessing modes having different data rates [*increasing the speed and data transfer rate of the storage device or reducing the speed and data transfer rate of the storage device, see abstract and col. 2, lines 32-40*] depending on the power mode of the recording apparatus [*depending on whether the storage device is powered by the external power source or the battery*], wherein said accessing means are switched into a first accessing mode having a lower data rate than a second accessing mode when the recording apparatus is in a low power mode [*col. 2, lines 32-40*].

a data interface for transmitting and receiving data [*Fig. 5*],

a battery unit for internal supply in a first power supply mode [*battery 51 of Fig. 5*],

a power interface for connecting to a an external power supply unit for external power supply in a second power supply mode [*element 52 of Fig. 5*].

Klaassen fails to teach the disk drive is an optical disk drive.

However, Examiner asserts that optical disk drives are well known in the art. These types of limitations are considered field of use, and are not patentably distinct.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to use the system of Klaassen in an optical disk drive, because it reduces the power consumption of the disk drive [*see Klaassen, col. 2, lines 25-31*].

12. Claim 2, Klaassen teaches said switching means are adapted for detecting the power mode of the recording apparatus from the power supplied [*col. 6, line 63 thru col. 7, line 2*].

13. Claim 3, Klaassen teaches said switching means are adapted for switching said accessing means into said first accessing mode when the power supplied is below a predetermined value [*col. 6, line 63 thru col. 7, line 2*].

14. Claim 4, Klaassen teaches said switching means are adapted for receiving and evaluating information identifying the power mode of the recording apparatus [*col. 6, line 63 thru col. 7, line 6*].

15. Claim 5, Klaassen teaches said information is received from an external device, in particular including a command to instruct said switching means to switch between into one of said accessing modes depending on the power mode of the external device [*abstract*].

16. Claim 6, Klaassen teaches said switching means are adapted for switching said accessing means into said first accessing mode when the recording apparatus is in a battery power supply mode [*col. 2, lines 32-40*].

17. Claim 7, Klaassen teaches said switching means are adapted for switching said accessing means into said second accessing mode when the recording apparatus is in mains power supply mode [*col. 2, lines 32-40*].

18. Claim 11, Klaassen teaches said portable device is a telephone, in particular a mobile phone or a cordless phone, a palmtop computer, a laptop, a digital camera or a camcorder [*laptop 50 of Fig. 5*].

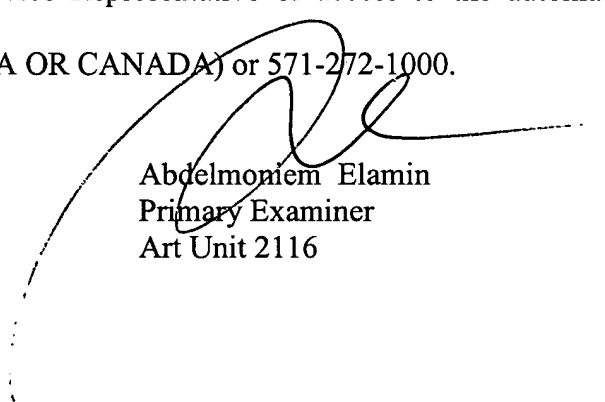
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdelmoniem Elamin whose telephone number is 571-2727-3674. The examiner can normally be reached on MON - THUR 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne Browne can be reached on 571-272-3670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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